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SUBJECT: PREPARATORY MEETING FOR SEPT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
OF SOLIDARITY HELD IN ADDIS ABABA

SUMMARY: A LARGE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOLIDARITY IS  
PLANNED FOR ADDIS ABABA SEPT 14-17. 140 NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
"PROGRESSIVE" ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE INVITED. SOLIDARITY  
CONFERENCE WILL COINCIDE CLOSELY WITH 4TH ANNIVERSARY CELE-  
BRATIONS OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION WHICH BEGIN SEPT 12. PURPOSE  
OF SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE WILL BE TO ENHANCE ETHIOPIAN CELE-  
BRATION BY BRING IN NGOS AND TO DEMONSTRATE INTERNATIONAL  
SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. A TWO DAY MEETING OF A WORKING GROUP OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF  
SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLES OF THE AFRICAN AND ARAB PEOPLES  
AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND REACTION" WAS HELD IN ADDIS ABABA,  
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JULY 17-18. THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY MAJOR DAWIT WOLDE  
GIORGIS, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS.

2. THE WORKING GROUP AGREED ON A LIST OF PARTICIPANTS  
(140 UNNAMED ORGANIZATIONS, LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, PARTIES AND  
OTHER BODIES), AN AGENDA AND A BUDGET FOR THE CONFERENCE.

THE WORKING GROUP WAS MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLES SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION (AAPSO), ALGERIA, THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC), ANGOLA, CUBA, ETHIOPIA, LIBYA, THE ZIMBABWE PATRIOTIC FRONT, THE PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN (PDRY), THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO), PORTUGAL, TANZANIA, THE USSR, AND THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC).

3. THE CONFERENCE WILL START ON SEPT 14 WITH AN EVENING OPENING CEREMONY AND CONTINUE IN PLENARY AND COMMISSION SESSIONS. THE CONFERENCE WILL END ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 17 WITH A MASS RALLY.

4. THE FOUR-POINT AGENDA APPROVED FOR THE CONFERENCE LISTS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

(A) "THE STRUGGLE OF AFRICAN AND ARAB PEOPLES IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE WORLDWIDE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, RACISM, APARTHEID AND FASCISM, FOR PEACE, NATIONAL LIBERATION, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS."

(B) "NEW PLOTS, METHODS AND MANEUVERS OF IMPERIALISM TO UNDERMINE THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT AND SUBVERT PROGRESSIVE REGIMES OF AFRICAN AND ARAB PEOPLES AS PART OF THE STRATEGY OF IMPERIALISM TO MAINTAIN ITS DOMINATION AND EXPLOITATION."

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(C) "IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING THE UNITY OF ACTION AND SOLIDARITY OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICAN AND ASIAN PEOPLES WHO ARE STRUGGLING AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND REACTION."

(D) "INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND THE PEOPLES OF THE SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA, IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS."

5. IN ADDITION TO MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEPT CONFERENCE, THE WORKING GROUP SENT MESSAGES OF SUPPORT TO ETHIOPIAN HEAD OF STATE, LT. COL. MENGISTU, AND TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONAL FRONT POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF THE PDRY. THE LATTER FOLLOWED THE PDRY LINE CRITICIZING THE "ILLEGALITY" OF THE ARAB LEAGUE'S CUTOFF OF ECONOMIC AID.

6. THE TIMING AND NATURE OF THE SEPT CONFERENCE ARE CLEARLY DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION, THE CELEBRATION OF WHICH WILL BEGIN ON SEPT 12. DELEGATIONS FROM ALL COMMUNIST AND AFRICAN AND SOME NEUTRALIST STATES HAVE BEEN INVITED (ADDIS ABABA 2996). PARTICIPANTS IN THIS CONFERENCE WILL BRING NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND "PROGRESSIVE"

ELEMENTS TO ADDIS ABABA TO REINFORCE THE RADICAL LEFTIST TONE  
OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND SHOW THAT ETHIOPIA IS NOT ALONE.  
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